



Truancy News and Events

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Words from the Steering Chair

Believe it or not, we're already seven weeks into the 2006/2007 school year! How time flies! This summer, the Steering Committee grew in members and now has many new agencies involved in truancy issues such as Parents of Behaviorally Different Children, Lovell, Perales and Associates, NM Family Education Center, Resources, Inc. and All Faith's Receiving Home. Also, a spe-

cial committee to re-design the TPP presentation used for Elementary school parents was formed and ultimately successful.

The new school year has begun most positively and I believe we will have a very productive first semester. We are starting this year with more caseworkers than ever before and will now have more resources to offer our

families in need. Also, our Citation Class pilot project, allowing for immediate action for kids being cited for off-campus ditching is scheduled to begin on October 12th. Thank you to everyone working to help resolve issues relating to truancy. Keep up the great work!

**EVERY DAY
COUNTS!**



Upcoming Meetings...

Monday, October 2, 2006

Spanish Speaking TPP Sub-Committee 1:30 pm

This is a new committee, chaired by Brenda Chavez-ENLACE, that was formed to discuss and re-design the TPPs held for the Spanish speaking population. The meeting will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center in Room 277 on the 2nd Floor.

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Truancy Screening Committee 1:00 pm

Chaired by Bob Silva, Chief Deputy JPPO. This is a regularly scheduled monthly meeting used to screen truancy cases for possible prosecution. The meeting will be held in the Juvenile District Attorney's Office. Screening committee members: Aleta Paisano-Suazo, APS-CLO; Wilma John, Truancy Court; Garry Breeswine, DA's Office; Marvin Johnson, DA's Office, Melissa Begay, APS-CLO; Jeromy Brazfield, CYFD-PSD; and Lt. Beth Paiz, APD.

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Truancy Steering Committee 1:30 pm

Chaired by Hearing Officer John Schoeppner, this regularly scheduled monthly meeting is devised to enhance the Truancy Prevention Program (TPP). Agencies regularly participating in these meetings include: APS Court Liaison Office, APS Health/Mental Health, APD SROs, Charter Schools Liaison, City of Alb Department of Family and Community Services, CYFD-JPPO, CYFD-PSD, DA's Office, ENLACE, NM Public Education Department, Peanut Butter and Jelly Family Services, Rio Rancho Public Schools, Truancy Court and new members All Faith's Receiving Home, Resources, Inc., NM Family Education Center, Value Options and New Day. We will meet at the Juvenile Justice Center in Conference Room C.

In the Spotlight...

Each issue, we will be spotlighting a member of the Steering Committee in hopes to better acquaint everyone and also to acknowledge the outstanding work of that particular individual.



This issue, our spotlight shines on **Melissa Begay**, caseworker for the APS Court Liaison office. Melissa's job in the APS CLO is to process truancy referrals. Referrals to the APS CLO are received either by truancy citations, directly from the school or by the school counts, generated every 20 days. Once identified, they are as-

signed to attend a TPP. Upon missing 2 TPPs, the cases are often referred to Truancy Court. Other identified cases may also be referred to CPS or the DA Truancy Specialist. Melissa is an active member of the Truancy Crisis Team and provides the collaboration with pertinent information, not only about attendance, but is often knowledgeable of their family circumstances. Melissa is instrumental in giving updated information about students referred to the team. Melissa is a great asset to the Truancy Crisis Team as well as the Steering Committee.

On a personal note, Melissa has her BA

in Psychology and Criminology and graduated from UNM in 2000. Before she began work with APS in January 2006, she was a case manager for the YDI's Gang Intervention Program and a service specialist for one of their Headstart programs. She was also a career advisor for the NM Job Corps.



Melissa is married with 2 children ages 4 and 11. Her hobbies include running, scrapbooking, watching sports and shopping.

Thank you Melissa for your hard work and dedication!

October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Spanish Speaking Sub-committee 1:30 pm JJC (Rm. 277)	3	4 Screening Committee 1:00 pm DA's Office	5	6  Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta begins	7
8	9 Fall Break (No School) 	10	11 TPP at the JJC 9:00 am	12 Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)	13	14
15	16	17	18 Steering Committee 1:30 pm JJC	19 Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)	20	21
22	23	24	25 North Area TPPs* Elem. 9:00 am Mid. 1:00 pm	26 TPP at Barel 9:00 am 1:00 pm Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)	27 Pre-Trial: State vs. Belva Stamps 9:00 am	28 District-wide Spanish Speaking TPP* 10:00 am
29	30 North Area TPP* High 6:00 pm	31 HALLOWEEN!  East Area TPPs* Elem. 9:00 am Mid. 1:00 pm				

November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Screening Commit- tee - 1:00 pm DA's Office East Area TPP* High 6:00 pm	2 South Area TPPs* Elem. 9:00 am Mid. 1:00 pm Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)	3	4 Reschedule TPPs* Eng. 10:00 am Span. 1:00 pm
5	6 South Area TPP* High 6:00 pm	7 West Area TPPs* Elem. 9:00 am Mid. 1:00 pm	8 West Area TPP* High 6:00 pm	9 Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)	10 Veteran's Day 	11
12	13	14	15 TPP at the JJC 9:00 am Steering Committee 1:30 pm at JJC	16 Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)	17	18
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px;"> <p>Welcome aboard! We'd like to extend a big welcome to the new Truancy Prevention Specialist for the DA's Office. Welcome Marvin Johnson! It's great to have you on the team.</p> </div>			22 TPP at Barel 9:00 am and 1:00 pm	23 Thanksgiving Recess 	24 Thanksgiving Recess	25
			29	30 Citation Class 4:00 pm JJC (CtRm. 153)		

APS 2006/2007

Traditional School Calendar

- ✂ **October 9** - Fall Break
- ✂ **November 23-24** - Thanksgiving Re-
cess
- ✂ **December 15** - End of First Semes-
ter
- ✂ **Dec 18 - Jan 2** - Winter Break
- ✂ **January 3** - Start of Second Se-
mester
- ✂ **January 15** - Martin Luther King,
Jr. Holiday (No School)
- ✂ **February 19** - President's Day (No
School)
- ✂ **March 26-30** - Spring Break
- ✂ **April 6** - Vernal Holiday (No School)
- ✂ **May 22** - Last Day of Classes
- ✂ **May 23, 24** - Make-up day(s) if
necessary
- ✂ **May 28** - Memorial Day



All Faith's - 271-0329
 APS Court Liaison - 342-7201
 CYFD /Child Abuse Hotline - 841-6100
 DA's Office - 841-7670
 ENLACE - 277-5481
 Juvenile Probation - 841-7300
 New Day - 260-9912
 NM Family Ed. Center - 232-3187
 PBDC - 265-0430
 PB&J - 877-7060
 PED - 222-4751
 Resources, Inc. - 242-4350
 Truancy Court - 841-7643
 Value Options - 346-9524

If you would like a copy of our first news-
 letter or past meeting notes, please contact
 Lori at albdxs@nmcourts.com.

* These TPPs are not confirmed and the locations are to be announced.